

Illinois—Shelby M. Cullom.
Indiana—David Turpie and Daniel W. Voorhees.
Iowa—William B. Allison and John H. Gear.
Kansas—Lucien Baker and William A. Pepper.
Kentucky—Joseph C. S. Blackburn.
Maine—William P. Frye and Eugene Hale.
Maryland—Charles H. Gibson and Arthur P. Gorman.
Massachusetts—George F. Hoar and Henry Cabot Lodge.
Michigan—Julius C. Burrows and James McMillan.
Minnesota—Cushman K. Davis and Knute Nelson.
Mississippi—James Z. George and Edward C. Walthall.
Missouri—Francis M. Cockrell and George G. Vest.
Montana—Thomas H. Carter and Lee Mantle.
Nebraska—William V. Allen and John M. Thurston.
Nevada—William M. Stewart.
New Hampshire—William E. Chandler and Jacob H. Gallinger.
New Jersey—William J. Sewell and James Smith, jr.
New York—Edward Murphy, jr.
North Carolina—Marion Butler and Jeter C. Pritchard.
North Dakota—Henry C. Hansbrough and William N. Roach.
Ohio—Calvin S. Brice and John Sherman.
Oregon—George W. McBride and John H. Mitchell.
Pennsylvania—Matthew S. Quay.
Rhode Island—Nelson W. Aldrich and George P. Wetmore.
South Carolina—Benjamin R. Tillman.
South Dakota—James H. Kyle and R. F. Pettigrew.
Tennessee—William B. Bate and Isham G. Harris.
Texas—Horace Chilton and Roger Q. Mills.
Vermont—Justin S. Morrill and Redfield Proctor.
Virginia—John W. Daniel and Thomas S. Martin.
Washington—Watson C. Squire and John L. Wilson.
West Virginia—Stephen B. Elkins and Charles J. Faulkner.
Wisconsin—John L. Mitchell and William F. Vilas.
Wyoming—Clarence D. Clark and Francis E. Warren.

HOUSE OF MEETING.

On motion of Mr. COCKRELL, it was

Ordered, That the hour of the daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock m. until otherwise ordered.

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE.

Mr. SHERMAN submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. VILAS submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

By unanimous consent, the Vice-President was authorized to appoint the committee on the part of the Senate; and Mr. VILAS and Mr. ALLISON were appointed.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. HARRIS, the Senate took a recess for one hour; and at the expiration of the recess (at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.) reassembled.

Mr. SHERMAN. I move that the Senate adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 1 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.) the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, December 3, 1895, at 12 o'clock m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, December 2, 1895.

This day, in compliance with the provision of the Constitution, the members-elect of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress assembled in their Hall and at 12 o'clock m. were called to order by Mr. JAMES KERR, Clerk of the last House.

The CLERK. The Chaplain of the last House will offer prayer. Rev. E. B. BAGBY offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, whose kingdom ruleth over all! As we meet together in the halls of legislation we would first unitedly take Thy name upon our lips and acknowledge our dependence upon Thee. Thou art our fathers' God; and we extol Thee. Thou art our God; and we praise Thee. Thou hast never dealt so bountifully with any other nation. The lines have fallen to us in pleasant places; and we have a goodly heritage. We call upon our souls and all that is within us to bless and praise and magnify Thy holy name.

Graciously bless, we beseech Thee, the President of the United States and his Cabinet, the Senate and the House of Representatives, and all that administer the affairs of this nation. May

their doings be guided by Thy spirit and ordered by Thy will. Be the God of this nation! Rule Thou in the hearts of our rulers! Satisfy our people with good things, temporal and spiritual; and may all men learn to praise Thee for the riches of grace in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

The CLERK. Representatives-elect, under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, this is the hour fixed by law for the meeting of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress of the United States of America. The Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress will read the names of those whose credentials show that they were regularly elected to this body in pursuance of the laws of their respective States and of the United States. As the roll is called, following the alphabetical order of the States, those present will please answer to their names, that we may discover if there is a quorum present.

The roll was called, showing the presence of the following-named Members and Delegates:

ALABAMA.

Jesse F. Stallings.
 George P. Harrison.
 Gaston A. Robbins.
 James E. Cobb.

John H. Bankhead.
 Milford W. Howard.
 Joseph Wheeler.
 Oscar W. Underwood.

ARKANSAS.

Philip D. McCulloch, jr.
 John S. Little.
 Thomas C. McRae.

Hugh A. Dinwiddie.
 Robert Neill.

CALIFORNIA.

John A. Barham.
 Grove L. Johnson.
 Samuel G. Hilborn.
 James G. Maguire.

Eugene F. Loud.
 James McLachlan.
 William W. Bowers.

COLORADO.

John C. Bell.

CONNECTICUT.

E. Stevens Henry.
 Nehemiah D. Sperry.

Charles A. Russell.
 Ebenezer J. Hill.

DELAWARE.

Jonathan S. Willis.

FLORIDA.

Stephen M. Sparkman.

Charles M. Cooper.

GEORGIA.

Rufus E. Lester.
 Benjamin E. Russell.
 Charles F. Crisp.
 Charles L. Moses.
 Leonidas F. Livingston.
 Charles L. Bartlett.

John W. Maddox.
 Thomas G. Lawson.
 Farish Carter Tate.
 J. C. C. Black.
 Henry G. Turner.

IDAHO.

Edgar Wilson.

ILLINOIS.

J. Frank Aldrich.
 William Lorimer.
 Lawrence E. McGann.
 Charles W. Woodman.
 George E. White.
 Edward D. Cooke.
 George E. Foss.
 Albert J. Hopkins.
 Robert R. Hitt.
 George W. Prince.
 Walter Reeves.

Joseph G. Cannon.
 Vespasian Warner.
 Joseph V. Graff.
 Benjamin F. Marsh.
 Finis E. Downing.
 James A. Connolly.
 W. F. L. Hadley.
 Benson Wood.
 Orlando Burrell.
 Everett J. Murphy.
 George W. Smith.

INDIANA.

James A. Hemenway.
 Alexander M. Hardy.
 Robert J. Tracewell.
 James E. Watson.
 Jesse Overstreet.
 Henry U. Johnson.
 Charles L. Henry.

George W. Faris.
 J. Frank Hanly.
 Jethro A. Hatch.
 George W. Steele.
 J. D. Leighty.
 Lemuel W. Roysa.

IOWA.

Samuel M. Clark.
 George M. Curtis.
 David B. Henderson.
 Thomas Updegraff.
 Robert G. Cousins.
 John P. Lacey.

John A. T. Hull.
 William P. Hepburn.
 Alva L. Hager.
 Jonathan P. Dolliver.
 George D. Perkins.

KANSAS.

Richard W. Blue.
 Case Broderick.
 O. L. Miller.
 S. S. Kirkpatrick.

Charles Curtis.
 W. A. Calderhead.
 William Baker.
 Chester I. Long.

KENTUCKY.

John K. Hendrick.
 John D. Clardy.
 W. Godfrey Hunter.
 John W. Lewis.
 Walter Evans.
 Albert S. Berry.

William C. Owens.
 James B. McCreary.
 Samuel J. Pugh.
 Joseph M. Kendall.
 David G. Colson.

LOUISIANA.

Adolph Meyer.
 Charles F. Buck.

Henry W. Ogden.
 Samuel M. Robertson.

MAINE.

Thomas B. Reed.
 Nelson Dingley, jr.

Seth L. Milliken.
 Charles A. Boutelle.

MARYLAND.

Joshua W. Miles.
 William B. Baker.
 Harry W. Rusk.

John K. Cowen.
 Charles E. Coffin.
 George L. Wellington.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Ashley B. Wright.
Frederick H. Gillett.
Joseph Henry Walker.
Lewis Dewart Apsley.
William S. Knox.
W. H. Moody.
William E. Barrett.

Samuel W. McCall.
John F. Fitzgerald.
Harrison H. Atwood.
William F. Draper.
Elijah A. Morse.
John Simpkins.

MICHIGAN.

John B. Corliss.
George Spalding.
Alfred Milnes.
Henry F. Thomas.
William Alden Smith.
David D. Aitken.

Horace G. Snover.
William S. Linton.
Roswell P. Bishop.
Rosseau O. Crump.
John Avery.
Samuel M. Stephenson.

MINNESOTA.

James A. Tawney.
James T. McCleary.
Joel P. Heatwole.
Andrew R. Kiefer.

Loren Fletcher.
Charles A. Towne.
Frank M. Eddy.

MISSISSIPPI.

John M. Allen.
John C. Kyle.
Thomas C. Catchings.
Hernando D. Money.

John S. Williams.
Walter M. Denny.
James G. Spencer.

MISSOURI.

Charles N. Clark.
Uriel S. Hall.
Alexander M. Dockery.
George C. Crowther.
John C. Tarsney.
David A. De Armond.
John P. Tracy.
Joel D. Hubbard.

William M. Treloar.
Richard Bartholdt.
Charles F. Joy.
Seth W. Cobb.
John H. Raney.
Norman A. Mozly.
Charles G. Burton.

MONTANA.

Charles S. Hartman.

NEBRASKA.

Jesse B. Strode.
David H. Mercer.
George D. Meiklejohn.

Eugene J. Hainer.
William E. Andrews.
Omer M. Kem.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Cyrus A. Sulloway.

Henry M. Baker.

NEW JERSEY.

Henry C. Loudenslager.
John J. Gardner.
Benjamin F. Howell.
Mahlon Pitney.

James F. Stewart.
Richard Wayne Parker.
Thomas McEwan, jr.
Charles Newell Fowler.

NEW YORK.

Richard C. McCormick.
Dennis M. Hurley.
Francis H. Wilson.
Israel F. Fischer.
Charles G. Bennett.
James R. Howe.
Franklin Bartlett.
James J. Walsh.
Henry C. Miner.
William Sulzer.
George B. McClellan.
Richard C. Shannon.
Lemuel E. Quigg.
Philip B. Low.
Ben L. Fairchild.
Benjamin B. Odell, jr.
Jacob Lefever.

Frank S. Black.
George N. Southwick.
David F. Wilber.
Newton M. Curtis.
Wallace T. Foote, jr.
Charles A. Chickering.
James S. Sherman.
George W. Ray.
Theodore L. Poole.
Serenio E. Payne.
Charles W. Gillet.
James W. Wadsworth.
Henry C. Brewster.
Rowland B. Mahany.
Charles Daniels.
Warren B. Hooker.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Harry Skinner.
Fred. A. Woodard.
John G. Shaw.
William F. Strowd.
Thomas Settle.

James A. Lockhart.
A. C. Shuford.
Romulus Z. Linney.
Richmond Pearson.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Martin N. Johnson.

OHIO.

Charles P. Taft.
Jacob A. Bromwell.
Paul J. Sorg.
Fernando C. Layton.
Francis B. De Witt.
George W. Hulick.
George W. Wilson.
Luther M. Strong.
James Harding Southard.
Lucien J. Fenton.
Charles H. Grosvenor.

David K. Watson.
Stephen B. Harris.
Winfield S. Kerr.
Henry C. Van Voorhis.
Lorenzo Danford.
Addison S. McClure.
Robert W. Taylor.
Stephen A. Northway.
Clifton B. Beach.
Theodore E. Burton.

OREGON.

Binger Hermann.

William R. Ellis.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Galusha A. Grow.
George F. Huff.
Henry H. Bingham.
Robert Adams, jr.
Frederick Halterman.
John E. Reyburn.
Alfred C. Harmer.
John B. Robinson.
Irving P. Wanger.
Joseph J. Hart.
Constantine J. Erdman.
Marriott Brosius.
Joseph A. Scranton.
John Leisenring.
Charles N. Brumm.

Ephraim M. Woomer.
James H. Coddington.
Frederick C. Leonard.
Monroe H. Kulp.
Thaddeus M. Mahon.
James A. Stahl.
Josiah D. Hicks.
Daniel B. Heiner.
John Dalzell.
William A. Stone.
Ernest F. Acheson.
Thomas W. Phillips.
Matthew Griswold.
Charles W. Stone.
William C. Arnold.

RHODE ISLAND.

Melville Bull.

Warren O. Arnold.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

William Elliott.
W. Jasper Talbert.
Asbury C. Latimer.
J. Stanyarne Wilson.

Thomas J. Strait.
John L. McLaurin.
J. William Stokes.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Robert J. Gamble.

John A. Pickler.

TENNESSEE.

W. C. Anderson.
Henry R. Gibson.
Foster V. Brown.
Benton McMillin.
James D. Richardson.

Joseph E. Washington.
Nicholas N. Cox.
John E. McCall.
James C. McDearmon.
Josiah Patterson.

TEXAS.

Samuel B. Cooper.
Charles H. Yoakum.
Joseph W. Bailey.
Jo Abbott.
George C. Pendleton.
Charles K. Bell.

Joseph D. Sayers.
Miles Crowley.
William H. Crain.
George H. Noonan.
Jeremiah V. Cockrell.

VERMONT.

H. Henry Powers.

William W. Grout.

VIRGINIA.

William A. Jones.
D. Gardiner Tyler.
Tazewell Ellett.
William R. McKenney.
Claude A. Swanson.

Peter J. Otey.
Smith S. Turner.
Elisha E. Meredith.
James A. Walker.
Henry St. G. Tucker.

WASHINGTON.

Samuel C. Hyde.

William H. Doolittle.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Blackburn B. Dovener.
Alston G. Dayton.

James H. Huling.
Warren Miller.

WISCONSIN.

Henry A. Cooper.
Edward Sauerhering.
Joseph W. Babcock.
Theobald Otjen.
Samuel S. Barney.

Samuel A. Cook.
Michael Griffin.
Edward S. Minor.
Alex. Stewart.
John J. Jenkins.

WYOMING.

Frank W. Mondell.

ARIZONA.

Nathan O. Murphy.

NEW MEXICO.

Thomas B. Catron.

OKLAHOMA.

Dennis T. Flynn.

UTAH.

Frank J. Cannon.

The CLERK. The Clerk desires to state for the information of members-elect that the roll as called is complete with the exception of the Tenth district of the State of New York and the district of the State of Nevada, credentials from those districts not having yet been filed with the Clerk. The Clerk also desires to present for the information of the House, and in order to make a permanent record, a tabulated statement showing the changes that have occurred since the regular election of members of the Fifty-fourth Congress; and he asks that the same be incorporated in the RECORD.

The statement is as follows:

List of changes since the regular election of the Fifty-fourth Congress.

District.	Name.	Date of vacancy.	Name of successor.
Fifteenth Pennsylvania.	Myron B. Wright*....	Nov. 13, 1894	James H. Coddington.
Tenth New York.....	Andrew J. Campbell*	Dec. 6, 1894	A. J. Cummings.
Tenth Illinois.....	Philip S. Post*	June 6, 1894	George W. Prince.
Third Michigan.....	Julius C. Burrows†	Jan. 23, 1895	Alfred Milnes.
Tenth Georgia.....	James C. C. Black†	Mar. 4, 1895	James C. C. Black.
Sixth Massachusetts..	William Cogswell*	May 22, 1895	W. H. Moody.
Eighteenth Illinois..	F. Remann*	July 14, 1895	W. F. Hadley.

* Died.

† Resigned.

The CLERK. It appearing that 341 members have answered to their names, a quorum of the House is present. The first and only business now in order is the election of a Speaker to preside over the deliberations of the Fifty-fourth Congress. Nominations are now in order.

Mr. GROSVENOR. Mr. Clerk, I have the honor to present the name of Hon. THOMAS BRACKETT REED, a Representative in this body from the State of Maine, for the office of Speaker. [Loud applause.]

Mr. SAYERS. Mr. Clerk, I have the honor to place in nomination for the same office Hon. CHARLES F. CRISP, a Representative from the State of Georgia. [Loud applause.]

Mr. KEM. Mr. Clerk, I have the honor to nominate for the office of Speaker Hon. JOHN C. BELL, a Representative-elect from the State of Colorado.

The CLERK. Are there any other nominations? [A pause.] If

not, the nominations are now closed. The Clerk requests that Mr. HOPKINS of Illinois, Mr. LOUD of California, Mr. CATCHINGS of Mississippi, and Mr. ERDMAN of Pennsylvania act as tellers during the choice of Speaker, as the rules require that the election shall be viva voce. The gentlemen named will please take their places at the Clerk's desk.

The roll call will proceed; the names of members-elect will be called alphabetically.

The tellers having taken their places, the roll was called with the following result:

For Thomas B. Reed, of Maine—240.

Acheson,	Dingley,	Hyde,	Prince,
Adams,	Dolliver,	Jenkins,	Pugh,
Aitken,	Doolittle,	Johnson, Cal.	Quigg,
Aldrich,	Dovener,	Johnson, Ind.	Raney,
Anderson,	Draper,	Johnson, N. Dak.	Ray,
Andrews,	Eddy,	Joy,	Reeves,
Apsley,	Ellis,	Kerr,	Reynolds,
Arnold, Pa.	Evans,	Kiefer,	Robinson, Pa.
Arnold, R. I.	Fairchild,	Kirkpatrick,	Royce,
Atwood,	Faris,	Knox,	Russell, Conn.
Avery,	Fenton,	Kulp,	Sauerhering,
Babcock,	Fischer,	Lacey,	Scranton,
Baker, Md.	Fletcher,	Lefever,	Settle,
Baker, N. H.	Flote,	Leighly,	Shannon,
Barham,	Foss,	Leisenring,	Sherman,
Barney,	Fowler,	Leonard,	Simpkins,
Barrett,	Gamble,	Lewis,	Smith, Ill.
Bartholdt,	Gardner,	Linnay,	Smith, Mich.
Beach,	Gibson,	Linton,	Snover,
Bennett,	Gillet, N. Y.	Long,	Southard,
Bingham,	Gillet, Mass.	Lorimer,	Southwick,
Bishop,	Graft,	Loud,	Spalding,
Black, N. Y.	Griffin,	Loudenslager,	Sperry,
Blue,	Griswold,	Low,	Steele,
Boutelle,	Grosvenor,	Mahany,	Stephenson,
Bowers,	Grout,	Mahon,	Stewart, N. J.
Brewster,	Grow,	Marsh,	Stewart, Wis.
Broderick,	Hadley,	McCall, Mass.	Stone, C. W.
Bromwell,	Hager,	McCall, Tenn.	Stone, W. A.
Brosius,	Hainer, Nebr.	McCleary,	Strode,
Brown,	Halterman,	McClure,	Strong,
Brumma,	Hanly,	McCormick,	Sulloway,
Bull,	Hardy,	McEwan,	Taft,
Burrell,	Harmer,	McLachlan,	Tawney,
Burton, Mo.	Harris,	Meiklejohn,	Taylor,
Burton, Ohio	Hartman,	Mercer,	Thomas,
Calderhead,	Hatch,	Miller, Kans.	Towne,
Cannon,	Heatwole,	Miller, W. Va.	Tracewell,
Chickering,	Heiner, Pa.	Milliken,	Tracy,
Clark, Iowa	Hemenway,	Millnes,	Treloar,
Clark, Mo.	Henderson,	Minor, Wis.	Updegraff,
Coddling,	Henry, Conn.	Mondell,	Van Voorhis,
Coffin,	Henry, Ind.	Moody,	Wadsworth,
Colson,	Hepburn,	Morse,	Walker, Mass.
Connolly,	Hermann,	Mozly,	Walker, Va.
Cook, Wis.	Hicks,	Murphy,	Wanger,
Cooke, Ill.	Hilborn,	Noonan,	Warner,
Cooper, Wis.	Hill,	Northway,	Watson, Ind.
Corliss,	Hitt,	Odell,	Watson, Ohio
Cousins,	Hooker,	Otjen,	Wellington,
Crowther,	Hopkins,	Overstreet,	White,
Crump,	Howe,	Parker,	Wilber,
Curtis, Iowa	Howell,	Payne,	Willis,
Curtis, Kans.	Hubbard,	Pearson,	Wilson, Idaho
Curtis, N. Y.	Huff,	Perkins,	Wilson, N. Y.
Dalzell,	Hulick,	Phillips,	Wilson, Ohio
Danford,	Huling,	Pickler,	Wood,
Daniels,	Hull,	Pitney,	Woodman,
Dayton,	Hunter,	Poole,	Woomer,
De Witt,	Hurley,	Powers,	Wright,

For Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia—95.

Abbott,	Downing,	McGann,	Sorg,
Allen,	Ellett, Va.	McKenney,	Sparkman,
Bailey,	Elliott, S. C.	McLaurin,	Spencer,
Bankhead,	Erdman,	McMillin,	Stallings,
Bartlett, Ga.	Hall,	McRae,	Stokes,
Bartlett, N. Y.	Harrison,	Meredith,	Strait,
Bell, Tex.	Hart,	Meyer,	Sulzer,
Berry,	Hendrick,	Miles,	Swanson,
Black, Ga.	Jones,	Miner, N. Y.	Talbort,
Buck,	Kendall,	Money,	Tarsney,
Catchings,	Kyle,	Moses,	Tate,
Clardy,	Latimer,	Neill,	Tucker,
Cobb, Ala.	Lawson,	Ogden,	Turner, Ga.
Cobb, Mo.	Layton,	Otey,	Turner, Va.
Cockrell,	Lester,	Owens,	Tyler,
Cooper, Fla.	Little,	Patterson,	Underwood,
Cooper, Tex.	Livingston,	Pendleton,	Walsh,
Cowen,	Lockhart,	Richardson,	Washington,
Cox,	Maddox,	Robbins,	Wheeler,
Crowley,	Maguire,	Robertson, La.	Williams,
De Armond,	McClellan,	Rusk,	Wilson, S. C.
Denny,	McCreary,	Russell, Ga.	Woodard,
Dinsmore,	McCulloch,	Sayers,	Yoakum,
Dockery,	McDearmon,	Shaw,	

For John C. Bell, of Colorado—6.

Baker, Kans.	Kem,	Skinner,	Strowd.
Howard,	Shuford,		

For David B. Culbertson, of Texas—1.

Crain.

Mr. HOPKINS (the roll call having been concluded). Mr. Clerk, on behalf of the tellers appointed to canvass the vote for Speaker, I am directed to report that they have agreed in their tally, with this result: Whole number of votes cast 342; of which

number THOMAS B. REED, of Maine, has received 240, CHARLES F. CRISP, of Georgia, 95; JOHN C. BELL, of Colorado, 6, and DAVID B. CULBERTSON, of Texas, 1.

The CLERK (having restated the report of the tellers). In accordance with the result as reported by the tellers, the Clerk announces that Mr. THOMAS B. REED, a Representative from the State of Maine, having received a majority of all the votes cast, is duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress. [Loud and long-continued applause.] Mr. CRISP of Georgia, Mr. GROSVENOR of Ohio, and Mr. BELL of Colorado are designated to conduct the Speaker-elect to the chair.

Mr. REED, on appearing with the members designated, was greeted with loud applause, which was renewed when he ascended to the chair.

The CLERK. Mr. HARMER, a Representative-elect from the State of Pennsylvania, being the member present who has served longest continuously as a Representative in this body, is designated by the Clerk to administer the prescribed oath of office to the Speaker-elect.

The oath of office being administered by Mr. HARMER,

The SPEAKER addressed the House as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: It will not be unbecoming in me, I hope, if I acknowledge to this assembly that it is very agreeable to me to stand once more in the place which I left four years ago. Of the past, however, I shall not speak, for the past speaks for itself [applause] in terms more fitting and appropriate than any words which could come from my lips. Nor shall I speak of the future, for we are not now putting off the harness, but putting it on. Yet I think I may venture to say of the future, in the light of the past, that if we do some things which for the moment seem inadequate it may be that time, which has justified itself of us on many occasions, may do so again. Those who have acted with wisdom heretofore may be fairly expected to act with wisdom hereafter.

I am sorry to say that the pleasure associated with the honor you have bestowed on me, an honor which no American citizen can fail to appreciate and for which I give thanks, is but for the moment, while the cares and responsibilities extend over many days.

So far as the performance of my duties affects the whole people of the United States, I invoke their considerate judgment. So far as it affects the members of this House, I ask from both sides of the Chamber that cordial cooperation without which I can not hope to succeed, assuring them that no effort on my part will be spared to aid them in the performance of their duties by that entire impartiality which is their just due. [Loud applause.]

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS.

The SPEAKER then administered the oath of office, the Members and Delegates presenting themselves, as their names were called by States, in the area in front of the Speaker's desk, and taking the oath required by law.

Mr. HOPKINS. Mr. Speaker, Mr. NEWLANDS of Nevada, has been duly elected to the Fifty-fourth Congress as a Representative from that State; but owing to some cause, which is unknown to him, the credentials have not been forwarded and filed with the Clerk, so that his name has necessarily been left off the roll. I ask unanimous consent, in view of the facts, that Mr. NEWLANDS be now permitted to take the oath of office, notwithstanding the absence of his credentials.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. CRISP. Mr. Speaker, from the Tenth district of the State of New York Mr. CUMMINGS has been elected to fill a vacancy occasioned by death. The local canvassing board has certified the result, but the State board has not yet met. Mr. CUMMINGS is present, and I ask unanimous consent, there being as I understand it no question of contest, that the oath of office be administered also to him, in order that he may take his chances with other members present in the drawing for seats soon to take place.

The SPEAKER. The Chair understands that there is no question as to the election. Is there objection?

Mr. DINGLEY. One moment, Mr. Speaker. I understand that there is no contest or question respecting the election?

Mr. CRISP. I am so informed.

Mr. DINGLEY. On that statement, I think there will be no objection.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to hear my name called during the roll, and I ask that I may be sworn in at this time.

Mr. GROUT. I also desire the same privilege.

The SPEAKER. Any other gentlemen who may be present, but did not respond when their States were called, may now pre-

sent themselves, and the oath of office will be administered to them at the same time it is administered to the gentleman from Nevada [Mr. NEWLANDS] and the gentleman from New York [Mr. CUMMINGS].

The swearing in of members was then concluded.

ELECTION OF CLERK AND OTHER OFFICERS.

Mr. GROSVENOR. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of completing the organization of the House of Representatives, I offer for immediate adoption the resolution I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That Alexander McDowell, of the State of Pennsylvania, be, and he is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives; That Benjamin F. Russell, of Missouri, be, and he is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives; That William J. Glenn, of the State of New York, be, and he is hereby, chosen Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives; That Joseph C. McElroy, of the State of Ohio, be, and he is hereby, chosen Postmaster of the House of Representatives; and That Henry M. Couden, of the State of Michigan, be, and he is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mr. SAYERS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a substitute for the resolution just read, which I ask to be considered at this time.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That James Kerr, of the State of Pennsylvania, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress; That Herman W. Snow, of the State of Illinois, be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress; That Alvin B. Hurt, of the State of Tennessee, be, and is hereby, chosen Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress; That John T. Ross, of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Postmaster of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress; and That the Rev. Edward B. Bagby, of the State of Virginia, be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress.

The question being taken on the substitute offered by Mr. SAYERS, it was rejected.

The original resolution offered by Mr. GROSVENOR was adopted.

The SPEAKER then administered the oath of office to the officers-elect of the House of Representatives.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. COX, its Secretary, informed the House of Representatives that the Senate had passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

Also:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The Vice-President appointed as said committee Mr. VILAS and Mr. ALLISON.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. HENDERSON submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected THOMAS B. REED, a Representative from the State of Maine, Speaker, and Alexander McDowell, a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

NOTIFICATION TO THE SENATE.

Mr. DALZELL submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform that body that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that THOMAS B. REED, a Representative from the State of Maine, has been elected Speaker, and Alexander McDowell, a citizen of Pennsylvania, Clerk; and that the House is ready to proceed to business.

COMMITTEE OF NOTIFICATION.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I offer the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from New York offers a resolution, which will be reported to the House.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join the committee appointed on the part of the Senate to wait on the President of the United States and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to; and in accordance with the terms thereof the Speaker appointed Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CANNON of Illinois, and Mr. CRISP.

THE RULES.

Mr. CANNON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I offer the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered, the rules of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first Congress be adopted as the rules of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress.

Mr. CRISP. Mr. Speaker—

Mr. CANNON of Illinois. I yield to the gentleman from Georgia. Mr. CRISP. I have no desire to debate the proposition, but I should like to ask the gentleman from Illinois a question.

Mr. CANNON of Illinois. Certainly.

Mr. CRISP. Since the Fiftieth Congress there has been no proposition of this sort submitted to the House. Prior to and including the Fiftieth Congress it was customary, upon the assembling of each House, to adopt the rules of the preceding House until otherwise ordered. That proposition was departed from in the Fifty-first Congress, and has not obtained since that time, either when that side was in the majority or when this side was in the majority; and the only question which I desire to ask the gentleman is—so that the House may have some information upon the subject—whether it is intended that the House shall have an opportunity, by a report from the Committee on Rules, to pass upon the rules which are to be adopted for the government of the House, or whether, simply by a motion of this sort at this time, without a report, we are to adopt rules which are to obtain during the remainder of the session?

Mr. CANNON of Illinois. I will say to the gentleman from Georgia that the House finds itself now without rules, except those that might obtain as being ordinarily applicable to parliamentary bodies. It seems to me desirable that the House should adopt rules for its guidance. I will say to the gentleman, however, that opportunity will be offered for the amendment of these rules hereafter.

Mr. CRISP. Mr. Speaker, with the permission of the gentleman, the only point is this—the gentleman sees it well enough—that the adoption of this rule, or this motion, at this time, puts it in the power of the majority of this House, or of a majority of the Committee on Rules, to preclude the discussion of the question afterwards at any time during the existence of this Congress. The gentleman understands that.

Mr. CANNON of Illinois. In reply to the gentleman—

Mr. CRISP. One moment. The purpose I had in view was simply to find out whether, if we should agree now—of course we may have to agree whether we wish to or not—but if we should voluntarily agree now that this rule should be adopted, whether it is understood that at an early day we shall have a report from the Committee on Rules on the question of rules? If that be true, of course that will bring up the whole question, and will give any member on this side the right, if he chooses to exercise it, to criticize the rules and to offer a substitute for them. Now, without such an understanding, the adoption of this order or resolution at this time absolutely destroys the right of any man to object to any one of these rules at any time, or to have an opportunity, without the assent of the Committee on Rules and the majority of the House, to make any objection.

Mr. CANNON of Illinois. In reply to the gentleman I will state that the Fifty-first Congress, after great consideration, adopted rules with which it was content, acting through a small majority. Later on the Fifty-second and the Fifty-third Congresses, in process of evolution, adopted rules that were satisfactory to the majority of the House in those two Congresses. Now, it is evidently proper, as anybody can see, that at the earliest possible moment, if it is practicable to do so, rules should be adopted for the guidance of the House governing the introduction of bills and many other things, so that we may proceed in an orderly manner, for the convenience of members on both sides. It is entirely within the power of the majority to change the rules at any time, and to amend; and while I do not desire to make an agreement about the matter—it being entirely in the power of the majority—I do say to the gentleman that as I understand there is no objection on this side of the House to the proposition that later on opportunity be given for the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. CRISP], or other members, to be heard touching the rules that should govern this House by way of amendment.

Mr. DINGLEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Illinois will pardon me—

Mr. CANNON of Illinois. Certainly.

Mr. DINGLEY. I desire to know whether it is not the purpose, so far as it has been communicated upon this side of the House, that these rules, at the proper time, shall be referred to the appropriate committee, and reported back, with such amendments as may be thought proper, giving ample opportunity for gentlemen upon the other side to move any amendments to the same that they may see fit?

Mr. CANNON of Illinois. Oh, certainly; as I understand it.

Mr. CRISP. My point is simply this: So far as I am concerned, I do not wish in any way to interfere with the adoption of temporary rules. I merely desire to have the right at some time to criticize the rules, if it be deemed desirable to do so.

The resolution was agreed to.

DAILY HOUR OF MEETING.

Mr. HOPKINS. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution, and ask for its adoption.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered the daily hour of meeting of the House of Representatives shall be 12 o'clock meridian.

The resolution was agreed to.

DRAWING OF SEATS.

Mr. DINGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I believe the usual formal resolutions completing the organization of the House have been adopted; and as it is understood that the message of the President will not be sent in to-day, there is ample opportunity for the drawing of seats. In order to reach that business, I offer the following resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to draw seats for Members and Delegates of the present Congress in pursuance of Rule XXXII of the last House, and when names of members absent from the city or on account of sickness are called that seats be selected for them by their colleagues.

Mr. McCREARY. Mr. Speaker—

Mr. DINGLEY. I yield a moment to the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. McCREARY. Mr. Speaker, I believe it has been the custom, since the beginning of the Fifty-first Congress, to allow ex-Speakers of the House of Representatives to select their seats without participating in the drawing. I offer an amendment to that effect.

Mr. DINGLEY. I would suggest to the gentleman from Kentucky that after the adoption of the resolution I have offered it is customary to ask unanimous consent that ex-Speakers be allowed to choose their seats. That has been done by unanimous consent; and I prefer that the resolution should be adopted as offered.

Mr. McCREARY. I have no objection; and then I will offer this proposition.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Kentucky asks unanimous consent that ex-Speakers of the House of Representatives be allowed to select their seats prior to the drawing. That would include the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. CRISP] and the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GROW]. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none, and it is accordingly agreed to.

Mr. DINGLEY. I desire to make a statement of interest to the House in reference to the selection of seats. Ordinarily, when the membership of the two leading parties is nearly equal, the custom has obtained that gentlemen members of the Republican party for their convenience have selected seats upon the left of the aisle, and gentlemen of the Democratic party seats on the right of the aisle; but at the present time, as in the Fifty-second Congress, there is so great a disproportion in the number of members of the two leading parties that it is impracticable, of course, to do this. It will be remembered by some gentlemen present that in the Fifty-second Congress, prior to the drawing, an agreement was made that the Republican members should select from this side of the aisle [standing in the first aisle to the left of the main aisle] for the first two blocks, that in the last two blocks selections be made indiscriminately, and that in the aisle to my left, and on all the other side of the main aisle, the members of the Democratic party should select their seats.

It has been suggested, after a conference between gentlemen on both sides of the House, that the same arrangement reversed, the political parties being now reversed, should obtain at the present time. I have conferred with gentlemen upon both sides of the House, and especially with the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. CRISP], and, so far as I know, this arrangement meets with approval.

Mr. CRISP. The exact matter as it appears in the RECORD is as stated by the gentleman from Maine. As there are only a few words, I will read:

Mr. BLOUNT. Mr. Speaker, I beg to make a statement to the House. An informal conference between members on both sides of the House has resulted in a suggestion which will be acceptable to members on both sides—that in the drawing of seats this side—

That was then the Democratic side—

will take the seats on this side of the aisle and the first block of seats on the right-hand side of the aisle—

That is, the block in which the gentleman stands—

or opposite, that the Republicans will take the two next blocks of seats and the remaining seats will be selected as gentlemen may choose on drawing.

That was the agreement reached at that time. That is the agreement, as I understand, the gentleman now proposes. So far as I am concerned, it is entirely satisfactory.

A MEMBER. Under that rule that side of the House would take all of that side and the first block on this side to the right of the main aisle.

Mr. CRISP. The minority, in this case the Democratic party, would occupy first, exclusively, these two blocks of seats, and then the excess of members not so accommodated would take their chances in the last two blocks.

Mr. DINGLEY. It is simply the plan which was adopted in the Fifty-second Congress reversed.

Mr. CRISP. That is agreeable to gentlemen on this side, so far as I have been able to ascertain.

Mr. McMILLIN. Mr. Speaker, in order that the House may be in full possession of the facts pertaining to this matter, it is not, I hope, inappropriate for me to add to what has been stated by the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. CRISP] and the gentleman from Maine [Mr. DINGLEY], that while they have stated correctly the plan adopted in the Fifty-second Congress, yet, in the succeeding Congress, when the majority was still large, a similar proposition was made by our side, but was objected to on the other side because it was claimed that the plan had worked hardship by giving too great an advantage to the majority. I think the RECORD will bear me out in that statement.

Mr. DINGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I desire to correct my friend from Tennessee. The objection was not that the plan had worked hardship, but that in the succeeding Congress the Republican membership had largely increased, so that what had been just in the Fifty-second Congress was not so in the Fifty-third, because of the changed conditions.

Mr. McMILLIN. I may be in error as to the motive of the objection, which I have stated only from the impression left on my mind, but the fact remains that objection was made.

Mr. WILLIAM A. STONE. Mr. Speaker, I desire to correct the gentleman on one point. The objection came, not from this side of the House, but from Mr. SIMPSON, a Populist member from Kansas.

Mr. DINGLEY. And the objection was not that the plan had not worked well in the preceding Congress, but that the conditions had changed.

Mr. WILLIAM A. STONE. It was an objection that was raised because gentlemen desired another arrangement.

Mr. DINGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I understand that no objection is made now to the proposition I have submitted.

The SPEAKER. The arrangement can be carried out by common consent. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

Mr. DINGLEY. Now, Mr. Speaker, I ask to have Rule XXXII read.

REPORT OF THE RETIRING CLERK.

The SPEAKER. Before that is done the Chair will submit the report of the retiring Clerk of the House, with a letter transmitting a list of contested-election cases. Without objection these documents will be received and ordered to be printed.

There was no objection, and it was so ordered.

The letter transmitting the list of contested-election cases is as follows:

CONTESTED ELECTION CASES.

Letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting a list of the contests for seats in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth Congress of the United States.

CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C., December 2, 1895.

SIR: I have the honor to lay before the House of Representatives a list of contests for seats in the House of Representatives for the Fifty-fourth Congress of the United States, notices of which have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the House, and also to transmit therewith all original testimony, papers, and documents relating thereto, as follows, to wit:

State of Alabama.—Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Ninth Congressional districts.
State of Georgia.—Seventh Congressional district.
State of Illinois.—Third and Sixteenth Congressional districts.
State of Kentucky.—Seventh and Tenth Congressional districts.
State of Louisiana.—Second, Third, and Fifth Congressional districts.
State of Maryland.—Third Congressional district.
State of Missouri.—Fifth Congressional district.
State of Mississippi.—Seventh Congressional district.
State of New York.—Eighth, Ninth, and Twelfth Congressional districts.
State of North Carolina.—Second, Third, and Sixth Congressional districts.
State of South Carolina.—First, Third, Sixth, and Seventh Congressional districts.
State of Texas.—Fourth, Sixth, and Tenth Congressional districts.
State of Virginia.—Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Tenth Congressional districts.

The Clerk wishes also to state that he has opened and printed the testimony in all the above cases excepting in the contest from the Third Congressional district of Illinois, *Hugh R. Belknap vs. Lawrence E. McGann*, the testimony not being filed within the time required by law.

Also in the contest from the Third Congressional district of Louisiana, *Taylor Beattie vs. Andrew Price*, the testimony not all being filed at the time fixed for the opening of the same, as required by law, viz, August 15, 1895. The case was continued and the testimony remains unopened.

Also in the contest from the Eighth Congressional district of New York, *J. Murray Mitchell vs. James J. Walsh*, and the Ninth Congressional district of New York, *Timothy J. Campbell vs. Henry C. Miner*. In neither of these cases has the contestee filed any testimony, and the testimony of the contestants having been filed after the time required by law the Clerk did not think it proper to open the testimony in either case, but to submit the same for the consideration of the House.

In the Twelfth Congressional district of New York, *R. A. Cheesebrough vs. George B. McClellan*; the Seventh Congressional district of Mississippi, *A. M. Newman vs. J. G. Spencer*, and the Fourth Congressional district of Texas, *J. H. Davis vs. D. B. Culberson*, there are filed with the Clerk notices of contest, together with copies of the answers of contestees, and the affidavit of the contestee in each case that no testimony has been taken.

In compliance with the act approved March 2, 1887, entitled "An act relating to contested elections," such portions of the testimony in the above cases (with the exceptions referred to) as the parties in interest agreed upon, or as seemed proper to the Clerk, after giving the requisite notices, have been printed and indexed, together with the notices of contest and the answers thereto; and such portions of the testimony as were not printed, with all the

original papers, have been sealed up and are ready to be laid before the Committee on Elections.

Two copies of the printed testimony in each case have been mailed to the contestant and the same number to the contestee. The law in reference to the briefs of both the contestee and contestant in each case has been complied with as far as possible upon the receipt by the Clerk of said briefs. Owing to delays in this matter, over which the Clerk has no control, all of said briefs have not yet been returned to him by the parties to these con-

tests; but so far as the briefs have been furnished to the Clerk they are also ready to be laid before the Committee on Elections upon the order of the House, together with a tabulated statement, which has been prepared by the Clerk, showing the number of pages of testimony and the present status of each and every contested-election case, as well as the docket which has been kept, and all the papers in connection therewith.

Very respectfully,

JAMES KERR,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Contested-election cases, Fifty-fourth Congress.

	Contestant.	Contestee.	District.	Testi- mony opened.	Printed testi- mony for- warded.	Printed pages of testi- mony and briefs.		
						Testi- mony.	Briefs.	Total.
1	W. C. Robinson	George P. Harrison	Third Alabama	1895. June 24	1895. Sept. 20	462	22	484
2	W. F. Aldrich	Gaston A. Robbins	Fourth Alabama	June 7	July 20	309	115	424
3	A. T. Goodwyn	James E. Cobb	Fifth Alabama	June 24	Oct. 3	562	72	634
4	T. H. Aldrich	Oscar W. Underwood	Ninth Alabama	June 7	July 20	893	220	1,113
5	W. H. Felton	John W. Maddox	Seventh Georgia	June 8	July 23	627	189	816
6	Hugh R. Belknap*	Lawrence E. McGann*	Third Illinois	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
7	John I. Rinaker	Finis E. Downing	Sixteenth Illinois	June 8	July 20	670	109	779
8	George Denny, jr.	William C. Owens	Seventh Kentucky	June 8	July 20	1,010	149	1,159
9	N. T. Hopkins	Joseph M. Kendall	Tenth Kentucky	June 19	July 23	108	33	141
10	H. Dudley Coleman	Charles F. Buck	Second Louisiana	Aug. 24	Sept. 25	658	113	771
11	Taylor Beattie†	Andrew Price†	Third Louisiana	(†)	(†)	(†)	(†)	(†)
12	Alexis Benoit	Charles J. Boatner	Fifth Louisiana	June 10	Aug. 9	190	69	259
13	William S. Booz	Harry W. Rusk	Third Maryland	June 17	Aug. 5	459	78	537
14	Robert T. Van Horn	John C. Tarsney	Fifth Missouri	June 24	Aug. 31	955	124	1,079
15	J. Murray Mitchell*	James J. Walsh*	Eighth New York	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
16	Timothy J. Campbell*	Henry C. Miner*	Ninth New York	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
17	R. A. Cheesbrough†	George B. McClellan†	Twelfth New York	(†)	(†)	(†)	(†)	(†)
18	Henry P. Cheatham	Fred. A. Woodard	Second North Carolina	June 11	Aug. 9	514	107	621
19	Cyrus W. Thompson	John G. Shaw	Third North Carolina	June 11	July 23	326	243	569
20	Charles H. Martin	James A. Lockhart	Sixth North Carolina	June 11	July 23	396	102	498
21	George W. Murray	William Elliott	First South Carolina	June 15	July 23	919	226	1,145
22	Robert Moorman	Asbury C. Latimer	Third South Carolina	June 15	Aug. 9	312	83	395
23	Joshua E. Wilson	John L. McLaurin	Sixth South Carolina	June 15	Aug. 5	683	82	765
24	Thomas B. Johnston	J. William Stokes	Seventh South Carolina	June 15	Aug. 5	472	88	560
25	J. H. Davis†	D. B. Culbertson†	Fourth Texas	(†)	(†)	(†)	(†)	(†)
26	Jerome C. Kearby	Jo Abbott	Sixth Texas	June 17	Aug. 5	325	83	408
27	A. J. Rosenthal	Miles Crowley	Tenth Texas	June 17	Aug. 5	155	87	242
28	R. T. Thorp	William R. McKenney	Fourth Virginia	June 17	Aug. 9	787	455	1,242
29	George W. Cornett	Claude A. Swanson	Fifth Virginia	June 18	Aug. 9	145	32	177
30	J. Hampton Hoge	Peter J. Otey	Sixth Virginia	June 18	July 20	65	—	65
31	Jacob Yost	H. St. George Tucker	Tenth Virginia	June 18	Aug. 16	583	171	754
32	A. M. Newman†	J. G. Spencer†	Seventh Mississippi	(†)	(†)	(†)	(†)	(†)
						12,575	3,052	15,627

	Contestant.	Contestee.	Con- testant notified to file brief.	Con- testant's brief filed.	Con- testant's brief sent to con- testee.	Con- testee notified to file brief.	Con- testee's brief filed.	Con- testee's brief sent to con- testant.	Con- testant files brief in reply.	Con- testant's brief in reply sent to con- testee.
1	W. C. Robinson	George P. Harrison	Sept. 20	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	Sept. 23	Sept. 30	—	—
2	W. F. Aldrich	Gaston A. Robbins	July 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 26	Aug. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 30	—	—
3	A. T. Goodwyn	James E. Cobb	Oct. 3	Oct. 31	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	—	—	—	—
4	T. H. Aldrich	Oscar W. Underwood	July 20	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Sept. 24	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Nov. 8	Nov. 9
5	W. H. Felton	John W. Maddox	July 23	Aug. 22	Aug. 23	Aug. 23	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	Nov. 8	Nov. 9
6	Hugh R. Belknap*	Lawrence E. McGann*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7	John I. Rinaker	Finis E. Downing	July 20	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Aug. 26	Sept. 24	Sept. 25	Oct. 26	Oct. 26
8	George Denny, jr.	William C. Owens	July 20	Aug. 20	Aug. 26	Aug. 26	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
9	N. T. Hopkins	Joseph M. Kendall	July 23	Oct. 16	Nov. 16	Nov. 16	—	—	—	—
10	H. Dudley Coleman	Charles F. Buck	Sept. 25	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 28	Nov. 27	Nov. 27	—	—
11	Taylor Beattie†	Andrew Price†	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	Alexis Benoit	Charles J. Boatner	Aug. 9	Sept. 9	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	—	—	—	—
13	William S. Booz	Harry W. Rusk	Aug. 5	Sept. 4	Sept. 10	Sept. 10	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Nov. 18	Nov. 19
14	Robert T. Van Horn	John C. Tarsney	Aug. 31	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	Oct. 21	Oct. 21	Nov. 18	Nov. 19
15	J. Murray Mitchell*	James J. Walsh*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	Timothy J. Campbell	Henry C. Miner*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	R. A. Cheesbrough†	George B. McClellan†	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	Henry P. Cheatham	Fred. A. Woodard	Aug. 9	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 3	—	—	—	—
19	Cyrus W. Thompson	John G. Shaw	July 23	Aug. 20	Aug. 26	Aug. 26	Sept. 25	Sept. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 26
20	Charles H. Martin	James A. Lockhart	July 23	Sept. 11	Sept. 16	Sept. 16	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	—	—
21	George W. Murray	William Elliott	July 23	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Aug. 26	Oct. 17	Oct. 17	—	—
22	Robert Moorman	Asbury C. Latimer	Aug. 9	Sept. 9	Sept. 11	Sept. 11	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Nov. 22	Nov. 22
23	Joshua E. Wilson	John L. McLaurin	Aug. 5	Sept. 4	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	Oct. 18	Oct. 19	Nov. 22	Nov. 22
24	Thomas B. Johnston	J. William Stokes	Aug. 5	Sept. 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 4	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	—	—
25	J. H. Davis†	D. B. Culbertson†	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	Jerome C. Kearby	Jo Abbott	Aug. 5	Aug. 28	Aug. 30	Aug. 30	Sept. 28	Sept. 30	Oct. 28	Oct. 28
27	A. J. Rosenthal	Miles Crowley	Aug. 5	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	Sept. 5	Oct. 11	Oct. 11	—	—
28	R. T. Thorp	William R. McKenney	Aug. 9	Sept. 6	Sept. 9	Sept. 9	Oct. 5	Oct. 5	Nov. 2	Nov. 2
29	George W. Cornett	Claude A. Swanson	Aug. 9	Oct. 29	Oct. 29	Oct. 29	—	—	—	—
30	J. Hampton Hoge	Peter J. Otey	July 20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31	Jacob Yost	H. St. George Tucker	Aug. 16	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	Sept. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 22	Nov. 25	Nov. 25
32	A. M. Newman†	J. G. Spencer†	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Testimony not opened.

† Case considered August 15. Testimony not opened. (See record.)

‡ No testimony filed.

DRAWING OF SEATS.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will now read the rule under which the House is proceeding.

The Clerk read as follows:

RULE XXXII—DRAWING OF SEATS.

1. At the commencement of each Congress, immediately after the Members and Delegates are sworn in, the Clerk shall place in a box, prepared for that purpose, a number of small balls of marble or other material equal to the number of Members and Delegates, which balls shall be consecutively numbered and thoroughly intermingled, and at such hour as shall be fixed by the House for that purpose, by the hands of a page, draw said balls one by one from the box and announce the number as it is drawn, upon which announce-

ment the Member or Delegate whose name on a numbered alphabetical list shall correspond with the number on the ball shall advance and choose his seat for the term for which he is elected.

2. Before said drawing shall commence each seat shall be vacated and so remain until selected under this rule, and any seat having been selected shall be deemed forfeited if left unoccupied before the call of the roll is finished, and whenever the seats of Members and Delegates shall have been drawn, no proposition for a second drawing shall be in order during that Congress.

The SPEAKER. In order to carry out the resolution as to the selection of seats under the rule, it will be necessary for members to retire from the body of the Hall.

The members present retired behind the railing.

The SPEAKER. Before the drawing for seats begins the gen-

leman from Georgia [Mr. CRISP] and the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GROW], who have been authorized by the House to choose seats in advance, will please make their selections.

Mr. CRISP and Mr. GROW accordingly chose seats.

The SPEAKER. Members will please remain outside the railing during the drawing. When gentlemen come inside while the drawing is in progress there is likely to be misunderstanding as to what seats are occupied and confusion arises which had better be avoided. The drawing will now begin.

The drawing of seats was begun at seven minutes before 2 o'clock p. m., and concluded at thirty-two minutes past 3.

PRINTING OF THE RULES.

Mr. GROSVENOR. Mr. Speaker, I offer the resolution which I send to the desk.

The resolution was read, as follows:

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the House 500 copies of the rules of the Fifty-first Congress.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and the House accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m.) adjourned.

PUBLIC BILLS.

Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. LINTON: A bill (H. R. 1) to reclassify railway postal clerks and prescribe their salaries—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. ALDRICH: A bill (H. R. 2) disposing of two condemned cannon—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 3) to provide for the relief of aged and disabled letter carriers—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4) making ineligible for appointment as assignee or receiver officers of corporations engaged in interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, the following petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By Mr. ALDRICH: Resolution of the National Board of Trade, asking Congress to pass a law making officers of public corporations ineligible for receivership—to the Committee on Commerce.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, December 3, 1895.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. W. H. MILBURN, D. D.

GEORGE GRAY, a Senator from the State of Delaware, JOHN M. PALMER, a Senator from the State of Illinois, and JOHN P. JONES, a Senator from the State of Nevada, appeared in their seats to-day.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Mr. T. O. TOWLES, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, appeared below the bar of the Senate and delivered the following message:

Mr. President, I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that THOMAS B. REED, a Representative from the State of Maine, has been elected Speaker; that Alexander McDowell, a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, has been elected Clerk, and that the House is ready to proceed to business.

Also, that a committee of three has been appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives, to join the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States and notify him that a quorum of each of the two Houses has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make; and that Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CANNON of Illinois, and Mr. CRISP have been appointed such committee on the part of the House.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. VILAS and Mr. ALLISON, the committee appointed in conjunction with a similar committee of the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States, appeared below the bar, and

Mr. VILAS said: Mr. President, the committee appointed to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each of the Houses of Congress has assembled and is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make,

have performed the duty assigned them, and were requested by the President to give his respectful salutation to the Houses of Congress and to say that he will immediately communicate to each House a message in writing.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE.

Mr. O. L. PRUDEN, one of the secretaries of the President of the United States, appeared below the bar, and said:

Mr. President, I am directed by the President of the United States to deliver to the Senate a message in writing.

The message was received from the secretary and handed to the Vice-President.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the message of the President of the United States, which the Secretary will read.

The Secretary (Mr. WILLIAM R. COX) read the message, as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

The present assemblage of the legislative branch of our Government occurs at a time when the interests of our people and the needs of the country give especial prominence to the condition of our foreign relations and the exigencies of our national finances. The reports of the heads of the several administrative Departments of the Government fully and plainly exhibit what has been accomplished within the scope of their respective duties and present such recommendations for the betterment of our country's condition as patriotic and intelligent labor and observation suggest.

I therefore deem my executive duty adequately performed at this time by presenting to the Congress the important phases of our situation as related to our intercourse with foreign nations, and a statement of the financial problems which confront us, omitting, except as they are related to these topics, any reference to departmental operations.

I earnestly invite, however, not only the careful consideration, but the severely critical scrutiny of the Congress and my fellow-countrymen to the reports concerning these departmental operations. If justly and fairly examined they will furnish proof of assiduous and painstaking care for the public welfare. I press the recommendations they contain upon the respectful attention of those charged with the duty of legislation, because I believe their adoption would promote the people's good.

By amendatory tariff legislation in January last, the Argentine Republic, recognizing the value of the large market opened to the free importation of its wools under our last tariff act, has admitted certain products of the United States to entry at reduced duties. It is pleasing to note that the efforts we have made to enlarge the exchanges of trade on a sound basis of mutual benefit are in this instance appreciated by the country from which our woolen factories draw their needful supply of raw material.

The Missions boundary dispute between the Argentine Republic and Brazil, referred to the President of the United States as arbitrator during the term of my predecessor, and which was submitted to me for determination, resulted in an award in favor of Brazil upon the historical and documentary evidence presented, thus ending a long-protracted controversy and again demonstrating the wisdom and desirability of settling international boundary disputes by recourse to friendly arbitration.

Negotiations are progressing for a revival of the United States and Chilean Claims Commission, whose work was abruptly terminated last year by the expiration of the stipulated time within which awards could be made.

The resumption of specie payments by Chile is a step of great interest and importance both in its direct consequences upon her own welfare and as evincing the ascendancy of sound financial principles in one of the most influential of the South American Republics.

The close of the momentous struggle between China and Japan, while relieving the diplomatic agents of this Government from the delicate duty they undertook at the request of both countries, of rendering such service to the subjects of either belligerent within the territorial limits of the other as our neutral position permitted, developed a domestic condition in the Chinese Empire which has caused much anxiety and called for prompt and careful attention. Either as a result of a weak control by the central Government over the provincial administrations, following a diminution of traditional governmental authority under the stress of an overwhelming national disaster, or as a manifestation upon good opportunity of the aversion of the Chinese population to all foreign ways and undertakings, there have occurred in widely separated provinces of China serious outbreaks of the old fanatical spirit against foreigners, which, unchecked by the local authorities, if not actually connived at by them, have culminated in mob attacks on foreign missionary stations, causing much destruction of property, and attended with personal injuries as well as loss of life.

Although but one American citizen was reported to have been actually wounded, and although the destruction of property may have fallen more heavily upon the missionaries of other national-